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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS

BEGIN SUMMARY: MAKARIOS CALLS FOR UNFICYP REDUCTION, PRESS REACTION CAVALIERATOS STATEMENT. BOMBS IN PAPHOS. END SUMMARY

1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE MARCH 17, MAKARIOS DECLARED INTER ALIA THAT UNFICYP SHOULD BE REDUCED TO OBSERVER FORCE IF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS DO NOT RESULT IN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR. COMMENT: WHILE ARCHBISHOP HAS MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS IN PAST, THIS IS HIS MOST EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO CYPRUS GOVTS INDIFFERENCE OVER UNFICYP SIZE AND FIRST MENTION OF TIME FRAME FOR UNFICYP REDUCTION.

2. GREEK ALTERNATE FON MIN CAVALIERATOS MARCH 17 DENUNCIATION BISHOPS' DECISION DEFROCK MAKARIOS (FBIS M171046) AND PRO- JUNTA ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS
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CALL FOR GREEK INTERVENTION TO PREVENT CYPRIOT CIVIL WAR HEADLINED IN WEEKEND PRESS. PAPERS EDITORIALIZE PREDICTABLY, WITH SYNAGERMOS URGING ATHENS TO INTERVENE; ALITHIA TELLING BISHOPS TO LISTEN TO MOTHER COUNTRY; AND PATRIS ATTACKING GREEK GOVT FOR INTERFERING WITH PURELY ECCLESIASTICAL ISSUE. COMMUNIST NEW KERI WELCOMES CAVALIERATOS STATEMENT BUT SUSPECTS ATHENS MAY VIEW MAKARIOS AS " CONDITIONAL PRESIDENT" WHO CAN BE REMOVED AT LATER DATE. NEI KERI POINTS OUT BISHOPS' EFFORTS INITIALLY STIMULATED BY GREEK GOVT.

COMMENT: AS NEWSPAPER REACTION FORESHADOWS, WE EXPECT CAVALIERATOS STATEMEN TO BE WELCOMED BY MAKARIOS SUPPORTERS HERE AS MOST UNEQUIVOCAL EFFORT TO DATE BY GOG TO DISSOCIATE ITSELF FROM ANTI- MAKARIOS RIGHT WING.

3. FOUR BOMBS EXPLODED IN PAPHOS NIGHT MARCH 18; ONE OUTSIDE HOME POLICE SERGEANT, ANOTHER AT LOCAL POST OFFICE. SERIOUS DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS, BUT NO INJURIES.
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